



# CALTRANS TRAFFIC ALERT

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## Bridge repairs now require connector to be closed for three weeks

*Detour routes similar to those used during renovation of I-5 boat section*

**Sacramento** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the connector ramp from southbound Interstate 5 to westbound U.S. Highway 50 five nights a week for three weeks starting Monday, July 13 at 11 p.m. The roadway will reopen each morning at 5 a.m. The last closure will be Friday, July 31. Originally a one-week closure plan was offered. After further evaluation, a three-week closure plan is now endorsed.

The nighttime closures are to facilitate a contractor who will be repairing the steel structure underneath the bridge. A lack of traffic on top of the bridge will allow the contractor to work without having to deal with vibrations and other bridge movements. The contractor and Caltrans will be posting signs to inform the public of the closure as well as the detour routes.

The detour routes are as follows:

- Motorists heading south on I-5 who wish to access US50 before reaching downtown Sacramento will be detoured westbound on Interstate 80. This will allow them to pick up US50 in West Sacramento.
- Motorists heading north on I-5 will be detoured to eastbound US50, asked to exit at 15<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left onto 16<sup>th</sup> Street, left again on W Street, and finally allowed back onto the westbound Highway 50 on-ramp.
- Motorists entering southbound Interstate 5 from either P Street or I Street in downtown Sacramento will be detoured in the same fashion as the northbound detours.

As always, Caltrans urges motorists to use caution on all freeways and highways and to "Slow for the Cone Zone".

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